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1. IN LIGHT OF DEPARTMENT'S INTEREST IN FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE (COE) CONCERNING THAT FORUM'S WORK TOWARD AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON TRANSFRONTIER DATA FLOWS (REFTEL - A), CONSULATE HAS INITIATED PERIODIC DISCUSSIONS WITH COE OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE IN THIS AREA IN ORDER TO BETTER MONITOR THEIR EFFORTS.

2. VICE CONSUL MOHLER MET WITH DR. GIOVANNI BUQUICCHIO OF COE STAFF ON MARCH 21 TO DISCUSS COE PARTICIPATION IN THE UPCOMING OECD SYMPOSIUM ON TRANSFRONTIER DATA FLOWS WHICH IS SCHEDULED IN VIENNA IN SEPTEMBER. BUQUICCHIO WHO WORKS UNDER FRITZ HONDIUS, THE KEY COE OFFICIAL ON THIS ISSUE, SAID THE PRECISE NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE COE PRESENTATION AT THE
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OECD SYMPOSIUM HAS STILL NOT YET BEEN DECIDED. IT WOULD DEPEND, HE EXPLAINED, ON SEVERAL FACTORS, INCLUDING THE RESULTS OF THE UPCOMING COE WORKING GROUP ON MEDICAL DATA BANKS IN MAY AND THE SECOND MEETING OF THE COE DRAFTING GROUP OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON DATA PROTECTION IN JUNE. THE COUNCIL HAD WELCOMED THE USEFUL PARTICIPATION OF CARL WAIT (OECD) AS U.S. OBSERVER AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING AND WOULD CERTAINLY CONSIDER

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HIS SUGGESTION WITH REGARD TO A COE PRESENTATION DURING ITS PREPARATIONS FOR THE SYMPOSIUM (REFTEL - B). MOHLER TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE U.S. VIEW OF SYMPOSIUM WHICH HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED BY WAIT IN FEBRUARY. THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT COE WAS PLANNING TO OFFER A DRAFT CONVENTION FOR DISCUSSION DURING SYMPOSIUM. BUQUICCHIO ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE COE PLANNED TO HAVE PLENARY MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER CONCLUSION OF THE SYMPOSIUM.

3. WITH REFERENCE TO THE REWORKING OF THE DRAFT CONVENTION WHICH HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE DRAFTING GROUP OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS, BUQUICCHIO SAID THAT THE DRAFT CIRCULATED AT THAT TIME, HAD BEEN AN EARLY EFFORT AND THAT WORK WAS UNDERWAY TO REDRAFT IT IN ORDER TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE VARIOUS REACTIONS EXPRESSED. HE HOPED THAT A NEW, STILL VERY PRELIMINARY DRAFT WOULD BE READY FOR DISCUSSION AT THE JUNE DRAFTING GROUP MEETING.

4. BUQUICCHIO MADE A POINT OF EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE STRONG U.S. INTEREST SHOWN THUS FAR IN THE COE WORK IN THIS AREA SINCE IT WAS CLEAR THAT ANY CONVENTION WHICH DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF NON EUROPEAN COUNTRIES LIKE THE U.S. AND CANADA WHOSE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND MANUFACTURING POSITION IN THE FIELD OF DATA SYSTEMS WAS SO SIGNIFICANT, WOULD BE OF LITTLE USE. THUS, HE CONTINUED, THE COUNCIL LOOKS FORWARD TO PLAYING HOST TO U.S. OBSERVERS AT FUTURE SESSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS AND IS VERY ANXIOUS TO HEAR THEIR IDEAS.
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